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Despite Snow and Wind, Ground Is Broken for New Post Office

by Virginia Beauchamp

"It'll be a snowy day in Greenbelt before we get this project done!" That was Congressman Steny Hoyer laughing at the ground-breaking ceremony on Monday, February 28 for the new Greenbelt post office. He was summing up how it had felt through the many years to reach this day.

Hoyer was referring to the lengthy saga as planning for the facility, acquisition of the land and then its threatened sale (and abandonment of the project) followed, one episode after the other, before the project was finally reinstated. Through it all, Hoyer had shepherded it on its labyrinthine way.

But on this day he was also joking about the actual weather impinging on the ceremony for which he had just arrived. The real question on this day had been whether the long-awaited event would actually be held. The projected massive snowstorm, beginning around 10 a.m., had left a thick blanket by early afternoon and schools everywhere in the region were closed. The event, on the cleared tract off Ora Glen Drive near Hanover



PHOTO BY BEVERLY PALAU

Councilmembers Konrad Herling, Rodney Roberts, Edward Putens, Congressman Steny Hoyer, Mayor Judith Davis and Timothy Haney, a post office official, were on hand for the ceremonial groundbreaking.

Parkway, had been scheduled to take place at 3:30 p.m. that afternoon.

Motto

But as Mayor Judith Davis later reminded a gathering crowd, this was the postal service, whose motto keeps the mails moving despite rain or

snow or winter storms.

A canvas roof had been stretched on the cleared tract not far from the curb on Ora Glen. A carpet covered the mud beneath the canvas and a pathway of small stones marked the way to

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Greenbelt Station Developers To Hold Design Review Here

by James Giese

After a major step backward in its efforts to develop Greenbelt Station by a court reversal of approvals for the conceptual site plan and preliminary plan of subdivision, Greenbelt Metropark, L.L.C., project developer, hopes to take two steps forward in the next two weeks. On March 9, the developer has scheduled an interactive design review (see ad on page 6) open to the public to hear comments about its plans for developing the south core of Greenbelt Station. The south core is the former A.H. Smith sand and gravel operations land located on the east side of the CSX Railroad tracks between Greenbelt Road and the Greenbelt Metro Station property (the north core) and west of the Beltway Plaza shopping mall. The Prince George's County Planning Board has placed on its

March 17 agenda the developer's request to reconsider its approval of the conceptual site plan and preliminary plan of subdivision to rectify the error that caused the courts to reverse the approvals.

Design Review

The interactive design review will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 9 and will be held in the multipurpose room of the Greenbelt Community Center. According to Sandi Gallagher project manager for Metropark, architects, landscape architects and planners will be in attendance to review plans for the development of the southern area of Greenbelt Station which is planned to be developed primarily for residential use with some neighborhood shopping facilities included. The developers claim the plans have innovative architecture, transit-oriented site layouts and elaborate

streetscape features.

Gallagher has been meeting on a regular basis with Greenbelt Director of Planning and Community Development Celia Craze and the Greenbelt planning staff. As yet, Craze has not made any recommendations to the Greenbelt City Council nor has the council taken any positions relating to the current plans. The council considered the matter at an executive worksession held on February 23.

How quickly Greenbelt Metropark can proceed with the implementation of these plans will be dependent on the response of the Prince George's Planning Board to the request for reconsideration of the prior approvals for Greenbelt Station's conceptual site plan and preliminary plan of subdivision. Both the Planning Board and Prince George's County Council had approved these plans. However, the City of Greenbelt successfully appealed these decisions to the Maryland courts and was handed the verdict it sought from the Maryland Court of Appeals — a reversal of the approvals. That reversal was based on a requirement of the county's law requir-

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Sweetheart Beverly Palau Is Honored by Democrats

by James Giese

Beverly Palau was honored this year by the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club as a Valentine Sweetheart. Traditionally the club has honored one or more city employees each year by designating them Sweethearts for the work they do for the city. While the club is a political organization, the city employees are selected on a non-partisan basis.

After being introduced to the club by City Councilmember Leta Mach and making brief remarks, Palau received from club President William Hunt a heart-shaped box of candy at the club's February 18 meeting.

Palau is the public information and communications coordinator for the city. She has



PHOTO BY JAMES GIESE

Beverly Palau

served in that capacity for the past 16 years. As such she is responsible for informing Greenbelt citizens about what services the city provides for them.

Palau is best known for her responsibilities in operation of the city cable channel, channel 71.

"I am the government access part of it," she told the group. (The channel is also used for programming by GATE, Greenbelt Access Television, Inc., a citizens organization that also produces cable programming.)

Palau is often seen at council meetings and other city events working behind one of the video cameras or in the control studio. She has two student interns

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"Catch the Sun" Is March Artful Afternoon Theme

Stained glass, ceramics, an opportunity to make a sun catcher and a free concert are featured at the March Artful Afternoon program to be held Sunday, March 6 from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Community Center.

Art Workshops

Artist-in-residence Betty Broderick will lead a free "sun catcher" workshop for participants age 16 and over, from 1 to 3 p.m. They can get ready to catch some sun by participating in this stained-glass project, an introduction to stained glass for people who have never tried it. Interested people should arrive promptly for this popular project, as participation is limited. Materials will be provided.

An opportunity will be available as well to work on a ceramic mural with tile-making instructor and Artist-in-residence Katie Scott-Childress from 1 to 3 p.m. The theme for the mural is "Nature in All Its Gloriousness." Participants will sketch a design they will then carve into a clay tile. The finished mural will be hung in a public place. No experience is necessary. This project is recommended for ages 5 and over. Materials will be provided.

Those who enjoy these art projects will discover their interest in time to register for a spring stained glass or tile-making class at the Community Center. (Registration began February 28 for Greenbelt residents and will open March 7 to nonresidents. See www.ci.greenbelt.md.us/Recreation_Brochure.pdf for more information).

At 3 p.m. the Greenbelt Concert Band Wind Ensemble will

provide a free performance.

The Community Center Gallery features an exhibit of Alyssa Dennis drawings. Her haunting, large-scale compositions include shadowy figures superimposed on built environments, seemingly distant, as if existing only in memory. The show will continue through April 16. The gallery is open daily from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. except when the space is reserved.

Artful Afternoon attendees can visit the third floor working studios of Greenbelt's artists-in-residence from 1 to 5 p.m. This is also a good time for artists to view the studios, as applications are now available for artist-in-residence studio space. Call Nicole DeWald at 240-542-2057 for information and applications.

For history buffs, from 1 to 5 p.m. there will be guided tours of the historic home operated by the Greenbelt Museum at 10-B Crescent Road. People can also visit the current museum exhibit at the Community Center, "Living the Healthy Life," which explores the history of sport, health and fitness in the New Deal Era. The exhibit is open from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

Artful Afternoons are held the first Sunday of every month from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. Artful Afternoons are outings for families and people of all ages. They provide an introduction to the many programs and classes available through the City of Greenbelt Department of Recreation. For additional information call Barbara Dickey Davis at 240-542-2062.

What Goes On

Sunday, March 6

1-5 p.m., Artful Afternoon, Community Center

Monday, March 7

8 p.m., City Council Worksession—New Deal Café, Municipal Building

Thursday, March 10

7:30 p.m., Greenbelt Board of Appeals, Community Center

7:30 p.m., GHI Board of Directors meeting, GHI Board Room

Letters

THANKS

The family of Eric Holien would like to acknowledge and gratefully thank all the friends, neighbors and the Greenbelt American Legion who were so caring and supportive in our time of sorrow. We also would like to thank the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department Rescue Squad for the many times they responded to Eric's needs.

Thank you.
The Holien Family

Photo Show Opens At New Deal Mar. 6



On Sunday, March 6 from 3 to 5 p.m. the public is invited to a reception for Jon Gardner, whose photographs will be on display at the New Deal Café in Roosevelt Center during the month of March. The reception will also feature traditional Irish music by Ceolbhuin, a trio from Baltimore.

“Greenbelt Personalities” consists of candid portraits of children and adults who live in or near Greenbelt. “People’s personalities can appear in their faces through a look that shows who they are. In my photographs I try to capture that look,” says Gardner. “The identity of a city comes from its people and Greenbelt’s personality is revealed through the personalities of Greenbelt.”

The show contains 36 pictures. All were taken in 2004 at activities including the Labor Day Festival and Parade, the Pink Ribbon Ride and the Tree Lighting ceremony. Subjects range from newborn baby Rebecca to luminaries like Mayor Judith Davis, the 2004 Outstanding Citizen Patti Brothers and Greenbelt Elementary School PTA President Dameon Levi.

Gardner’s work has appeared in the Greenbelt News Review and at the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Photo Show. This is his first solo show.

For more information call 301-474-5642. Monthly art exhibits at the New Deal Café are sponsored by the Friends of New Deal Café Arts with a supporting grant from Prince George’s County.

Review

Gardner Captures Community Up Close and Personal

by Hillary Howes

The new art exhibit “Greenbelt Personalities” at the New Deal Café features photos by Jon Gardner. In his first solo show he sets out to reveal people’s personalities by capturing their faces and the community’s identity by capturing its personalities. The art depends not on each separate piece but must be taken as a whole to achieve its goal.

As a portrait photographer and teacher I believe that portraits reveal not only the subject but the photographer and the relationship between the two. In this show, it is the aggregation of all into the community. Everybody in this show comes up a winner. It is an overwhelmingly positive view of our people. The photographer works in a compositional style that is casual and ranges from up close to extreme close-up. Often, we are looking right into the eyes of the people. These eyes express so many things: the wisdom of youth, optimism, wonder, deep thought, mystery, mischief, pride, industry, amusement, bemusement, questioning, playfulness and the wisdom of age. The subjects are lit in a casual way, often using natural light or an obvious flash that gives a “snapshot” feel to the well-composed



“Clementine”



“Dorian”

photographs. They are artfully and caringly composed.

On first glance, this is a bunch of pictures of people you may or may not know. How important is that? Let’s consider that, for most of us who aren’t famous enough to be written about, our photographs are the only record that exists that we have passed through this life. They are history for the ordinary person. Viewing them stimulates oral history as people recall the events surrounding the moment captured on film. We understand the importance of this history by how well we preserve and care for our family photo albums. They are often the only possession that we would run into a burning house to save. So, on second glance, we can say that here we have an art show that expresses emotions, celebrates our best qualities and helps us share our collective oral histories. That looks pretty good to me.

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

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Saturday

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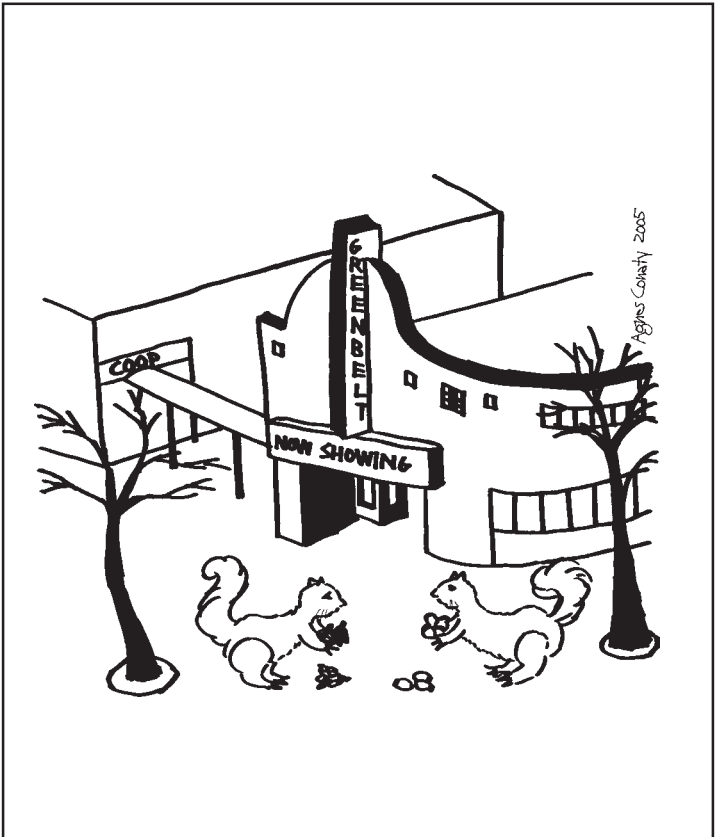
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Catholic U. Holds Free Piano Recital

On Thursday, March 10 at 8 p.m., the Catholic University of America’s Benjamin T. Rome School of Music presents James Litzelman on the piano playing music by Brahms and Franck.

This faculty recital will be held in the Ward Recital Hall, 620 Michigan Avenue, N.E., Washington, D.C. It is free and open to the public. For more information, call 202-319-5416 or visit <http://music.cua.edu>.

Grin Belt



"We're gonna need a lot more pinecones and acorns because there is no free matinee this week."

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, March 10, 2005

GHI BOARD ROOM

7:30 PM

Key Agenda Items:

- Yardline Committee Review of Yard Plats on Pilot Program
- Spring & Fall Gutter Cleaning Contract – 1st Reading
- Technology Audit Summary Briefing
- Report on Formation of a Non-profit Foundation
- Report from Artifact Committee
- Report from Companion Animal Committee – Reconsideration of Companion Animal Rules – Section XV

Regular board meetings are open to members.

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City of Greenbelt

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Community Events

Goddard Hosts “Eyes on the Sky”

In honor of the World Year of Physics 2005, NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center invites the public to a special series of lectures and discussions on cosmology and astrophysics with some of the world’s leading scientists. These lectures, “Eyes on the Sky – Peeking into the Universe’s Past, Fathoming the Future,” are open to the public but are geared to the high school/college level and above.

All lectures will take place on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. through May 12 at the Goddard Visitor Center. While the events are free, registration is required. For more information or to register for an event, visit <http://university.gsfc.nasa.gov/eyesonthesky/> or call 301-286-8102.

The next lecture will be Thursday, March 10. Al Kogut, from Goddard Space Flight Center, will speak on “The Great Time Machine in the Sky.”

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald
The weather may be cold and snowy but there are warm, interesting meetings at the Golden Age Club.

A trip to the National Zoo is planned for May 17 and a guided tour of the American Indian Museum on April 18. Sign up for these trips at the office at the Community Center in Greenbelt.

Keep April 20 open for the annual anniversary luncheon. More details will come later. Dues must be up to date by that time.

The club’s prayers are with Arlene Souser and Bud Hinson and all our members who are feeling poorly.

GATE Holds Annual Meeting

Greenbelt Access Television, Inc., (GATE) will be hosting its annual meeting on Sunday, March 13 at 3 p.m. in the GATE studio. The guest speaker, Jim Deigan, will be demonstrating the Avid digital software system.

All members and prospective video makers are urged to attend. GATE is located on the second floor of the Greenbelt Community Center across from the Multi-Purpose Room. Refreshments will be served afterward.

For more information call GATE at 301-507-6581.

GIAC Board Meets

The Greenbelt Internet Access Cooperative (GIAC) open board meeting will be held Thursday, March 10 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Police Station. New and old members are invited to attend and ideas are welcome. Directions to the police station and other information about the cooperative can be found at www.greenbelt.com/giac.

Toastmasters Club Holds Open House

The Toastmasters Club will hold an open house on March 22 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Library. The Spring Speakers Toastmasters Club meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month also at the Greenbelt Library. Admission is free.

Arts Center Hosts Celtic Concert

The Greenbelt Arts Center presents the Annual Celtic Concert on Saturday, March 12 at 8 p.m. The Homespun Ceilidh Band will provide the rousing music of Scotland and Ireland. The Greenbelt Arts Center is located at 123 Centerway in the Roosevelt Center next door to the post office. There is a fee. Reservations may be made by calling 301-441-8770, voice mailbox 3.

“Ceilidh” (pronounced KAY-lee) is a Celtic word meaning “visit.” The Homespun Ceilidh Band is a nine piece “Celtic big dance band” with lively, toe-tapping, jump up and dance jigs, reels, hornpipes, as well as gentle, lyrical airs and even the occasional Irish polka. The repertoire includes tunes from Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Isle of Man, Brittany and, by extension, Cape Breton/Nova Scotia and Quebec. The band has two fiddles – John Ward and Becky Ross, a hammered dulcimer – Bill Mitchell, a bouzouki and flute – Mike Stoddard, a cittern – Jim Stimson, a guitar – Glenn Arthur , a viola da gamba and recorder – Felicia Eberling, drums and vocals – Trix Whitehall, drums and Irish step dancing – Jennifer Silverman.

Led by award-winning Scottish fiddler John Ward, the band was formed in 1993 to play at the Greenbelt Arts Center for a special concert. They enjoyed it so much, they stayed together since then. They have played at events including the Washington Folk Festival, the Potomac Celtic Festival, the Southern Maryland Celtic Festival, the Anne Arundel Scottish Festival, the Virginia Scottish Games, the National Tartan Day on the Mall and the Baltimore World Trade Center, to mention only a few. More information on this group can be found on their web page at www.homespunceilidh.com.

At the Library

Wednesday, March 9, 4 p.m. – Bookids Book Discussion for ages 8 to 12 of Sharon Creech’s “Heartbeat.”

Wednesday, March 9, 7 p.m. – Friends of the Greenbelt Library meeting for adults.

Kids’ storytime for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday will return next week.

GHI Notes

Next month’s board meetings have been changed to April 7 and 21. To view the full projected calendar of events, visit the GHI website at www.ghi.coop.

March 7, Pre-purchase Orientation at 7:15 p.m.

March 8, Marketing Committee meeting at 7 p.m., Member and Community Relations Committee at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room

March 9, Woodlands Committee meeting at 7 p.m., Architecture & Environment Committee at 7:30 p.m. in the Lunch Room

March 10, GHI Board Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

March 12, Plant ID Workshop at 1 p.m.

All meetings unless otherwise stated take place in the Board Room.

Seniors Are Sought For Softball Fun

by Burt Kerr
Senior Softball season is here again and organizers say they need all the help they can get. Any man who will be 60 and over this year, or any woman who will be 55 and over this year is welcome to participate.

Anyone who can hit a golf ball or hit a tennis ball can also hit a softball. No one should worry about catching one – we don’t. If you miss more than you hit, you will fit right in. Several players in the group are 80 years old and can help you out.

Just bring yourself and a glove, if you have one, to the Youth Center gym on Mondays, and come to the center on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. to get some stretching, exercise and even some fun.

Questions? Call 301-568-6977.

Star Party on Sat.

Weather permitting, the Greenbelt Astronomy Club (GAC) will host a star party this Saturday, March 5. The event will take place at the Wolfe Fields on Northway, Extended. It begins at 6 p.m. The club and its members will have telescopes available to share views of celestial objects. Future GAC events can be found on the website at <http://www.greenbeltastro.org/events.shtml>. In the event of precipitation or hopelessly cloudy skies at the time of an event, a star party will be cancelled without further notice.

Chancellor to Talk To Lions Club

Dr. Brit Kirwan, chancellor of the University of Maryland, will speak to the Greenbelt Lions Club at their Tuesday, March 8 meeting. His topic is “The Role of the Chancellor in the University System.” The Lions will meet at 6:44 p.m. at the American Legion. The public is invited to hear Dr. Kirwan at 7:15 p.m.

For more information and reservations, call 301-474-5156.

Excellence Award Sought for GAIL

The Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) program has been submitted to the Award for Excellence competition of the Maryland Municipal League. In selecting the winners, the judges will consider the following factors: programs that reduce the cost of government, programs that improve the quality of life and programs that increase municipal services with a minimal additional dollar outlay. Winners will be announced in the May/June issue of “Municipal Maryland.”

The Prince George's Choral Society
will be presenting
The John Rutter Requiem and other sacred music on
Sunday, March 13 at 3 p.m.
Please join us at
Holy Cross Lutheran Church,
6905 Greenbelt Road,
Greenbelt, Md.
For information call Frank Leonard at 301-538-1532.



PHOTO BY JAMES GIESE

Monday’s snow blanketed the ground and loaded the branches with the soft and large but very wet flakes. Schools were closed for the third day, though the streets weren’t even slushy until late afternoon.

Volunteer to Cleanup The Potomac Apr. 2

The 17th Annual Potomac Watershed Cleanup will take place Saturday, April 2 from 9 a.m. to noon. Volunteers are needed to cover a Greenbelt Lake site.

Volunteers are encouraged to join the ranks of over 220 agencies, including federal, state, county and city governments, environment and civic organizations, scout troops, school groups, sports teams and businesses, at one of more than 160 sites in the District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania.

This year’s theme is “Take Pride in Our Potomac: It Starts in Your Own Backyard!” The emphasis will be on the necessity of promoting health not just on the shores of the Potomac but in yards, parks, playgrounds and city streets – anywhere water drains into the river.

The main sponsor of the project is Koch Industries, Inc., with major contributions from the Chesapeake Bay Trust and Beveridge & Diamond, PC. The Project Coordinator is the Alice Ferguson Foundation.

For more information, contact Cleanup Coordinator Wende Pearson at 301-292-6665 or visit the website at <http://www.PotomacCleanup.org> for site locations in need of help.

Greenbelt CARES

The Strengthening Families Program at Springhill Lake Elementary began its third session on Thursday, February 17. Five families including eight parents and eight children participated.

Kari Olson, Social Work Intern, is offering a Life Skills Group in conjunction with CARES GED classes. The group is open to all GED students interested in participating. The Life Skills Group focuses on job hunting, relationships, budgeting and decision making.



Our sympathy to Michael Cunningham on the death of his mother, Mrs. Mary Cunningham, and to her many friends in Greenbelt. Mrs. Cunningham’s husband, the late Rev. Clifton Cunningham, was pastor of Mowatt United Methodist Church. A memorial service for her will be held at Mowatt United Methodist Church on Saturday, March 5, 2005 at 10:30 a.m.

Condolences to the family of Della “Dot” Beall. A funeral service was held at Greenbelt Baptist Church on Sunday, February 27, 2005.

Birthday Bash Held At Patuxent Refuge

The Patuxent Research Refuge will celebrate the 102nd birthday of the National Wildlife Refuge System with a family event on Saturday, March 12, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the National Wildlife Visitor Center, Laurel. Activities will include live animal displays, tram tours, guided hikes, puppet shows, kids’ activities and more.

This year the event will focus on what people can do to help wildlife in their own backyards. “Refuges have always been havens for wildlife by providing them important habitat they need to survive,” says Refuge Manager Brad Knudsen, “but you don’t have to be a biologist to create a refuge for wildlife. This year we will celebrate the birth of the refuge system by helping others help wildlife.”

The Patuxent Research Refuge is just one of over 540 National Wildlife Refuges spread throughout the country. At the Refuge Birthday Bash people can learn to create wildlife habitat and miniature refuges in their backyards.

The National Wildlife Visitor Center is located on Powder Mill Rd. between the B-W Parkway and Rt. 197 just south of Laurel. For information call 301-497-5760 or visit the website at <http://patuxent.fws.gov>.

Greenbelt Pottery, Inc., presents

Empty Bowls

to benefit Help-by-Phone

Saturday, March 12

4-7 p.m. \$12 per person

Select a bowl made by Greenbelt Community Center potters and enjoy a soup dinner made by Greenbelt Community Church members. Contact Jan Derry

301-474-8389 or janmderry@yahoo.com

Obituaries

Mary Cunningham

Mary Elizabeth Cunningham, widow of a former Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church pastor, died peacefully on February 26, 2005, her 89th birthday, at the Asbury Methodist Village in Gaithersburg.

A memorial service will be held at the church at 40 Ridge Road this Saturday, March 5 at 10:30 a.m. Friends are welcome to come and reminisce about the early days of the parish.

Born in Waverly, W. Va., Mary Smith married her high school sweetheart Clifton Cunningham and they served at churches in that state, then Mt. Airy, Md., and moved to Greenbelt in 1965.

At 49A and later 37L Ridge Road, she displayed her passions for gardening and cooking. Besides sons Dennis and Michael (now of Parkway and the former co-owner of Greenbelt Video), the Cunninghams helped raise three grandsons.

Methodists were worshipping in a multipurpose room in those early days; Clifton Cunningham pastored the church from 1970 to 1979 and led the drive to raise funds for a sanctuary to be added to the building.

Mrs. Cunningham was active in the church's Society and was also heavily into crafts. When Michael's parents moved to Asbury in the 1990s, he discovered 40 boxes of crafts (which he donated to Asbury). He was reminded of her love of blue; half her clothes were of that color.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 57 years, son Dennis, grandson Craig, four brothers and four sisters.

Donations in her memory can be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 11240 Waples Mill Rd., Suite 402, Fairfax, VA 22303 or to the Asbury Foundation, 201 Russell Ave., Gaithersburg, MD 20877 (Attn: Asbury Methodist Village Benevolency Fund).



Paint Branch Unitarian
Universalist Church

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nurturing community*
March 6, 10 a.m.

"Ecclesiola in Ecclesia"
by Barbara W. ten Hove with
Leo Jones, worship associate

Barbara Wells ten Hove,
Jaco B. ten Hove,
co-ministers

In Memoriam

Neil Thomas Prendable

3/2/56 – 1/22/05

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celebrate your 49th birthday
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far too soon.

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Synagogue Will Celebrate 50th Anniversary on Mar. 5

by Jordan Choper

On Saturday evening March 5 Mishkan Torah will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the dedication of its original building by holding an evening of food, music and dancing. Present and former members will be attending. They will be marking what would have been a very unusual event if it occurred elsewhere, but in Greenbelt in the 1950s it was very characteristic and perhaps expected.

The history of the construction of the original building of the Jewish Community Center of Prince George's County (which is still the official name of Mishkan Torah) is unique. Many of the original members are no longer alive or no longer residing in Greenbelt. But they left behind the story of how the building came into being.

Due to outside pressure, the two Jewish communities in Greenbelt in the early 1950s came together to build a community center which could also be used as a sanctuary. The two communities were divided on their outlooks on Judaism. One community was more religiously observant and the other was more socially identified than religiously identified with the greater Jewish community. The outside pressure was the "red scare" of McCarthyism. Living in Greenbelt, which was then considered somewhat of a "communistic" town by the arch-conservatives in the area, and not belonging to an organized "church" was double proof that you were most probably a communist!

Architectural plans for the community center were designed as a class project of the Howard University School of Architecture. But there were not enough funds to hire a contractor. Being optimists, they thought that they could build it themselves without mechanical tools. When other people in Greenbelt saw what these amateurs were doing, they organized an informal group of volunteers to help. As a result the building of the original edifice took more than four years to complete with work being done on weekends and in the long summer evenings.

The original building had a contemporary 1950s modern look. A school addition was added in the late 1960s and the roof was redesigned last year, thereby eliminating the problems of a flat roof.

Mishkan Torah is still a small synagogue/community center, and retains its unique approach to Judaism, reflecting its origin. It is dually affiliated with both the Conservative and Reconstructionist movements.

Baha'i Faith

A study circle "Reflections on the life of the Spirit" is forming to study the Baha'i Writings. The public is welcome. Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. Call Jim to register 301-793-1015.

Greenbelt Baha'i Community
P.O. Box 245
Greenbelt, MD 20770
301-345-2918 301-220-3160
www.bahai.org www.us.bahai.org

Greenbelt Community Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Hillside & Crescent Roads
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www.greenbelt.com/gccucc/
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Wed. Praise and Prayer 7:00 pm
Wed. Living Proof, Youth Event 7:00 pm

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For more information call the Smith Center at 301-405-2787.

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Homeless Men Sheltered At Saint John's Church

by Melissa Sites

Seventeen homeless men received hospitality and sustenance at St. John's Episcopal Church of Beltsville during the week of February 13-20. St. John's participated for the 13th year in the Safehaven Program, an outreach of Help-by-Phone, Inc. In this program many churches in northern Prince George's County work together by each providing one week of shelter for homeless men during the winter season. Greenbelt's churches also participate in this program.

Safehaven supplements programs organized by the county and other welfare agencies in the area. Having food and shelter taken care of gives these men a chance to get back on their feet.

The men who stayed at St. John's found a warm meal and a bunk for the night. Families provided home-style meals which they shared with the men, then stayed for the evening to watch videos, play games and talk. Recent-release DVDs were provided free of charge by Greenbelt Video.

Church members made sure the men had toiletries, bus to-

kens, breakfast and bag lunches. Fairland Aquatics Center, as they have for many years, provided shower facilities for the men.

Located at the intersection of Route One and Powder Mill Road, St. John's is a small and friendly church, with the mission of providing hospitality and sustenance to all. The church's volunteer opportunities are focused on this mission, including Safehaven, Bread for the World and SHARE, a program delivering bags of groceries at below cost.

St. John's is also active in supporting the families of Transitional Housing at Springhill Lake, where members also donate bags of groceries through SHARE, as well as holding special donation drives at Christmas, Easter and back-to-school times.

As light filters through the stained glass and the sanctuary is filled with the strains of sacred music, St. John's has a reassuring atmosphere of continuity and permanence. Through programs like Safehaven, it stays vibrant and active in the world today.

Metro Service Yard to Get New Building

Planning and Community Development Director Celia Craze has reported that the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Administration (WMATA) will be undertaking improvements at the Greenbelt Metro Service Yard across the Beltway from the Metro station. Metro plans to increase its trains to eight cars in length and will be purchasing 120 new cars. WMATA will be consolidating its "backshop" operations for efficiency, according to Craze, and will be constructing a new two-story general

maintenance building at the Greenbelt yard.

The new building will be 72,000 square feet and it will be constructed on an area currently used for surface parking. Parking will be replaced through the elimination of storage and realignment of other parking areas, Craze said. There will be no increase in impervious surfaces associated with the building program and the building will not impact any environmentally sensitive or forested areas. Contract work is expected to begin this month.

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City Information

An Artful Afternoon

Sunday, March 6 ~1-5pm

Greenbelt Community Center

Enjoy this free mini arts festival featuring a studio open house, art exhibits, projects, Greenbelt Museum tours, etc.

CATCH THE SUN

1-3pm SUN CATCHER WORKSHOP: Artist-in-residence Betty Broderick offers this free workshop for ages 16 and over. Materials are provided. A perfect introduction to stained glass.

1-3pm CERAMIC MURAL: Ages 5 and over work with Artist-in-residence Katie Scott-Childress on a ceramic mural. The theme is "Nature in All Its Gloriousness." Participants will sketch a design that they will then carve into a clay tile. Mural will be hung in a public place.

3pm FREE CONCERT: The Greenbelt Concert Band Wind Ensemble will perform at this Artful Afternoon.

ART EXHIBIT: See the haunting, large-scale drawings of Alyssa Dennis, imposing shadowy figures on built environments.

For additional information contact
Barbara Dickey Davis at 240-542-2062

GREENBELT SENIOR CENTER PRESENTS

A TOUCH OF SINATRA

an Ice Cream Social

March 18, 2005

1:00-3:00pm

Greenbelt Community Center

Entertainer Richie G. will be performing at 1pm.

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at 2:30pm

For more information contact
Karen Haseley at 301-397-2208.

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If you live within the corporate boundaries of the City of Greenbelt, make sure to write or enter "Greenbelt" on your Maryland State Tax form under "City, town or taxing area" so that your taxes can best serve your community!

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Greenbelt Board of Appeals

Notice is hereby given that the Greenbelt Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **March 10, 2005, at 7:30 pm** in the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD on the following Variance application:

- An application filed by Suzanne J. Krofchik for consideration of a request for a variance on premises located at 6 Fayette Place, Greenbelt, MD. The applicant is requesting a variance of 4.5' from front yard setback requirements for the purpose of constructing a roof over an existing concrete stoop and extending the roof to wrap around the side of the house.

For more information call 301-345-5417.

GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71

MUNICIPAL ACCESS: 301-474-8000: Monday, March 7 at 8pm: City Council Work Session with the New Deal Café "live" **Tuesday & Thursday, March 8 & 10: 10am & 6pm** "Ask the Expert-Senior Services," **6:30pm** "ACE Reading Club presents Springhill Lake Elementary," **6:45pm** "ACE Reading Club presents Greenbelt Elementary," **7:00pm** "Greenbelt, MD: A Home for Cooperation" (as submitted to Oprah), **7:30pm** "Replay of Council Work Session 3/7/05."

PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, March 9 & 11: 7:00pm "Greenbelt Access Annual Meeting 2004 Recap," **9:00pm** Greenbelt Arts Center presents "You Never Know."

OPENINGS ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups. Vacancies exist on the:

Arts Advisory Board
Public Safety Advisory Committee
Senior Citizens Advisory Committee

For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

CALL FOR DESIGNERS TO DESIGN AND MANAGE CONSTRUCTION OF A MEMORIAL HONORING INDIVIDUAL GREENBELT RESIDENTS

The City of Greenbelt is seeking a professional or team of professionals to design and oversee construction of a community memorial. The ideal candidate or team would have experience with exhibit design, architecture and the arts.

For many years, the City has been seeking a method to honor deceased City residents who have demonstrated a high level of service, dedication and commitment to the community. The City has decided to create an official City memorial. Conceptually, the memorial is envisioned as a list of honoree names on a large plaque or sculpture displayed in a prominent location. It would also include a podium or kiosk containing one page of biographical information about each honoree.

Interested designers should contact the City at 301-474-8000 or by email at dmoran@greenbeltmd.gov to request an information package. The deadline for responding to this call is March 31, 2005.

Meetings for March 7-11

Monday, March 7, 8:00pm, Council Work Session-New Deal Café, Municipal Building.

Thursday, March 10, 7:30pm, Greenbelt Board of Appeals, Public Hearing, Greenbelt Community Center.

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helping with the videotaping and broadcasting.

Palau won a national SAVVY award from the City-County Communications and Marketing Association for a video produced on the ACE (Advisory Committee of Education) Reading Club. The program won the top award for the citizen participation category. Book reviews given by students at various city schools are videotaped. Close to 1,000 students were involved in this program, she said.

Among the 70 programs she produced in fiscal year 2004 were 20 segments of the ACE Reading Club, Creative Kids Camp plays, Greenbelt museum lectures, Labor Day events and more.

Oprah

Most recently, Palau produced a videotape promoting Greenbelt as a small town that should be featured on the Oprah Winfrey Show, after she learned that the TV personality wanted to do a show about a small town. A rush job, in order to quickly bring Greenbelt to the attention of Winfrey, Palau did the videotaping over a weekend, interviewing as many Greenbelters as possible. She found a young Greenbelt man, Jesse Goldberg-Strassler, to do the narrating.

She told the club that she expected the video to be sent to

Winfrey shortly and shown on Channel 71 soon thereafter.

Another of Palau’s responsibilities is maintaining the city’s website. She is now working on providing a more interactive site. For example, persons interested in seeking employment with the city will be able to apply over the internet.

Palau is also liaison to Comcast Cable, which provides cable service in the city under a city franchise. She participates in a county-wide committee of governments providing franchises to the cable company. That committee is developing an intergovernmental information network.

The city has now made arrangements with the Greenbelt library to place some of its videos there for interested citizens who do not have cable access to check out and view. Also, she said, GATE is making some of its tapes available at the video store in Roosevelt Center.

Palau summed up her job as telling people how great Greenbelt is, something she obviously enjoys doing.

Also honored by the Democratic club as a political Valentine Sweetheart was Heather Morrison, a Takoma Park city councilmember and Maryland chair of the Kerry campaign.

Rally Supports Elected School Board

In commemoration of the 40th Anniversary of the Selma-to-Montgomery march for voting rights there will be a March 7 rally advocating restoring an elected school board in Prince George’s County. The Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Democratic Club is one of 12 organizations that are partnering in support of legislation to restore a board with members elected from nine single-member districts. The rally will take place from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Lowe House Office building, Environmental

Matters Hearing Room in Annapolis.

Model Airplanes Workshop March 12

The College Park Aviation Museum will present an airplane model building workshop on Saturday, March 12, noon to 4 p.m. The International Plastic Modelers Society will lend their expertise at assembling and painting aircraft models. Regular museum admission and a small workshop fee are required.

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ing conceptual site plans that required needed public facilities to be included in an official plan or a commitment from the developer to pay for the improvements prior to approval being granted.

Roads

This was not the case with Greenbelt Station where, in particular, public road improvements were determined to be necessary to support the dense development planned for the property. The county and developer had planned to phase-in development of the property as road improvement plans were officially adopted, a procedure commonly done in other developments but not permitted under the particular laws governing this development as a Metro Planned Community. Approval of the conceptual site plan was a prerequisite for approval of the preliminary plan of subdivision. Hence, the court voided both approvals.

Error

In submitting its request for reconsideration, the developer said the Planning Board could do so because there had been an error in law made and that this was a basis upon which reconsideration was possible. The developer further proposed a plan for financing public road improvements in which the property would be legally bound to pay for the costs of these improvements, including ramps to and from the Beltway for traffic coming from and going to the east, if public financing, as is being sought, does not become available.

At the March 17 Planning Board meeting, scheduled for 9 a.m., the board is expected to decide either to reconsider the approvals or not do so – possibly by a simple motion, or lack thereof, with little debate. If the board votes to reconsider, then it will schedule the matter on a future agenda to consider the merits of the reconsideration proposed by the developer. If it does not reconsider, then the developers will have to begin again with the Planning Board by submitting a conceptual site plan for the full plan-review process.

The Greenbelt City Council has not yet taken a position on the request for reconsideration.

Agreement

At one time, prior to the court decision, it appeared that the city and Metropark had reached agreement on a development process that would satisfy the city’s concerns. That agreement included annexation of the south core to the city. It is presently an unincorporated area adjacent to not only Greenbelt but also Berwyn Heights and College Park.

Since the court decision, there have been further indications that the city and Metropark might come to some type of an agreement. In a February 3 article by Natasha Brown in the Greenbelt edition of the Gazette, Daniel Colton of Greenbelt Metropark is reported to have said that Metropark is willing to offer Greenbelt annexation of the development’s south core and work with the city on other issues.

In a December 15 presentation of legislative issues to Greenbelt’s delegation to the Maryland General Assembly the council told the legislators that the city was opposed to the public funding of the ramps from the Beltway to Greenbelt Station. The statement then went on to say, “However, the matter of the ramps has been included in settlement negotiations that have occurred in the past with representatives of Greenbelt Station and may occur in the future.”

City Reimbursed For Court Appeal

The City of Greenbelt has been reimbursed for some of its expenses related to its appeal of the approvals of the conceptual site plan and preliminary plan of subdivision for Greenbelt Station. The reimbursements were ordered by the District Court when the Maryland Court of Appeals agreed with the city that the approvals did not comply with the county law governing such approvals.

City Manager Michael McLaughlin informed the Greenbelt City Council that the city had received a check from the Prince George’s County government in the amount of \$1,663.80 as its share of the reimbursement of expenses. McLaughlin expects other checks to be rendered by Greenbelt Metropark, L.L.C., and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.



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The next presentations are scheduled as follows:

Monday, March 7 7:15 p.m.
Saturday, March 19 11 a.m.

Please call the Receptionist at (301) 474-4161 for reservations and information. The sessions are free, and there is no obligation. There are lists of “Homes for Sale” at the GHI office.

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GREENBELT STATION
South Core

Date: March 9, 2005

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place:

Greenbelt Community Center

15 Crescent Road
Multi-Purpose Room, Room 201
(second floor). Park behind

Contact person:
Sandi Gallagher
(301) 982.9400



Greenbelt Station, South Core

Interactive Design Review



*The developer of Greenbelt Station is pleased to extend this invitation for you to join the design team in an Interactive Design Review on the **South Core of the Greenbelt Station project**. As an interested stakeholder in the project, we welcome the opportunity for your participation in the presentations and interactive discussions for this unique regional project within Prince George’s County.*

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Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department. Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Robbery

February 12, in reference to the carjacking reported February 12 in the 6000 block of Springhill Drive, the vehicle was recovered by the owner the same day in the rear parking lot of the Beltway Plaza Mall. No arrests were made.

February 24, 12:04 a.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane, a woman reported that she was on foot in a parking lot when she was approached by three men. Two of the men pulled her purse from her arm, knocking her off balance. All three then fled the scene on foot. The suspects are described as three black males wearing all black.

Drugs

February 24, 4:39 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive, a resident man was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana. Police entered an apartment building to investigate a theft report. Upon walking by the laundry room the officer detected the odor of what he believed to be marijuana. He located a man attempting to hide in the laundry room. Further investigation revealed that the man was in possession of paraphernalia commonly used to store marijuana. The man was released on citation pending trial.

Malicious Destruction

February 23, 8:30 a.m., Greenbelt Middle School, a resident youth was arrested for malicious destruction. He punched out a window pane at the school after he was informed that he had been suspended for a school infraction. The youth suffered a minor injury, was treated in the health room and was released to a parent pending action by the school board and the juvenile justice system.

DWI

February 18, 10:48 p.m., Kenilworth Avenue and I-495, a resident youth was arrested for driving under the influence of a controlled dangerous substance, carrying a dangerous weapon and possession of alcohol by a minor after police stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation. Upon approaching the vehicle the officer detected the odor of what he believed to be marijuana. The youth was arrested and found to be in possession of a knife and a box cutter. Also located in the vehicle was an open alcoholic beverage. The youth was released to a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Burglary Tools

February 22, 2:54 a.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane, a nonresident man and two nonresident youths were arrested and charged with possession of motor vehicle

burglary tools and rogue and vagabond. When police stopped a vehicle for a registration violation, tools commonly used to break into and steal vehicles were in plain view inside the vehicle. Located in a parking lot, where the suspect vehicle had been seen earlier, was a vehicle that had been broken into and the ignition tampered with. The man was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner. The youths were released to parents pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Trespass

February 19, 8:42 p.m., Beltway Plaza Mall, two nonresident youths were arrested for trespassing when they were found inside the mall after they had been banned by agents of the property. The youths were released to parents pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Burglary

A commercial burglary was reported at Beltway Plaza Mall.

Vehicle Crimes

February 19, Greenbelt Road and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, a resident and a non-resident woman were arrested and charged with motor vehicle theft, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and theft. Police observed a vehicle being operated with a registration violation. A computer check revealed that the vehicle had been reported stolen to the Montgomery County Police. The women were released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

The following vehicles were stolen: a 2003 Mazda MX6 4-door from the 7700 block Hanover Parkway; a white 1996 Ford Windstar van, Maryland tags 273M157 from the 6200 block Breezewood Drive; a 2000 Chrysler Concorde 4-door from Beltway Plaza Mall; and a brown 1996 Toyota Corolla 4-door, Maryland tags MKH019 from the 6000 block Springhill Drive.

Six vehicles were recovered, one by Greenbelt police and five by other police departments. No arrests were made in any of the recoveries. One set of tags, 190M071, is still out as stolen.

Vandalism to, theft from and attempted theft of vehicles were reported in the following areas: Beltway Plaza Mall, Edmonston Terrace and Edmonston Court, 6200 block Springhill Court, 9100 block Springhill Lane, 6400 block Ivy Lane (four incidents), 7800 block Belle Point Drive, 6700 block Lake Park Drive, 7500 block Mandan Road and 8100 block Mandan Terrace.

City Police Receive Canine Team Awards

On Saturday, February 5 the United States Police Canine Association, Region Three, held its awards banquet at the Greenbelt American Legion. Two canine teams from the Greenbelt Police Department received the Triple Crown award, which consists of certification in patrol dog, tracking and narcotics detection. They were Canine Unit Supervisor Cpl. Robert Musterman with his partner Cigo and MPO John M. (Mike) Dewey with his partner Duke. Only seven teams in the region received this award.

Additionally, Dewey and Duke received a first place award in tracking and MPO Randy Marks and his partner Baron received a first place award in the novice class. MPO Barry P. Byers, also a Greenbelt police canine handler, received the President's Award for coordinating the banquet and for service to the organization above and beyond the call of duty.

Dewey and Byers are both on the Region Three Board of Directors. Dewey has been the treasurer for approximately two years and Byers has been a trustee for about five months.

Police, SHA, ERHS Get Seatbelt Awards

Representatives of the Greenbelt Police Department, Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) and the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) were recognized by the Maryland Highway Office at the State Highway Administration and the Committee for Safety Belt Use, Inc., for exemplary seatbelt use by their employees and students throughout 2004.

The awards ceremony, which took place at the BWI Airport Marriott, featured special recognition of businesses, schools, religious institutions and agencies after at least 88 percent of their populations were observed wearing seatbelts on at least two occasions.

To qualify for the award, participants conducted two observational seatbelt surveys in their parking lots during regular business hours. These surveys were spaced at least 30 days apart to indicate sustained usage rates and were conducted according to guidelines provided by the Governor's Highway Safety Office at the Maryland Highway Administration.

Maryland now boasts the highest seatbelt compliance rate on the east coast and one of the highest in the country. Eighty-nine percent of Maryland motorists use seatbelts as they travel.

Employees of the SHA, located at the intersection of Kenilworth Avenue and Crescent Road, recorded a usage rate of 98 percent and the rate for students of ERHS was 94 percent. The employees of the Greenbelt Police Department observed a usage rate of 100 percent. Surveys have also shown that the average overall seatbelt usage rate for Greenbelt residents is 91 percent.

McClure Gets Life For Osborne Murder

On February 28, U.S. District Court Judge Deborah K. Chasanow sentenced Cornell W. McClure to life in prison, sparing him the death penalty. According to "The Washington Post," Judge Chasanow said that the aggravating factors involved in the killing did not outweigh the evidence of McClure's difficult childhood and other mitigating circumstances. The judge also said that McClure's co-defendant, Rufus J. Millegan, Jr., who pleaded guilty and received a life sentence, was just as culpable as McClure.

According to testimony, McClure and Millegan believed that Tessa Osborne had set up the robbery of Millegan's apartment. On May 2, 2001, they lured her into a vehicle as she was walking to work at the Greenbelt Co-op, drove her to the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center and shot her 11 times.

On February 3, 2005, after a six-day trial, Chasanow convicted McClure of first degree murder, kidnapping and a weapons charge. Because the crimes took place on federal property, McClure was tried in U.S. District Court and federal prosecutors were seeking the death penalty against him.

Bridgette Osborne, Tessa's mother, was quoted by "The Washington Post" as saying, "The sentence doesn't change the fact that I've lost my daughter. I think the judge presided fairly over the case. It's something I wish I never had to go through." She also praised FBI agents, U.S. Park Police and federal prosecutors for their diligent work on the case.

Defendant Pleads Guilty in SHL Murder

On Tuesday, March 1 Dialo Isiah Shalto, 27, of Adelphi pled guilty to second degree murder in Circuit Court in Upper Marlboro for the July 11, 2004 fatal shooting of Carlton Anthony Sharpe, 20, of Breezewood Drive in Greenbelt. Shalto made his plea after a jury had been selected for the trial but before opening statements. Sentencing is scheduled for April 15.

Sharpe had been talking to a friend in front of an apartment building in Springhill Lake when they were approached by several men. An altercation ensued and several shots were fired. His friend escaped and called police. Sharpe was dead when police arrived.

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the shelter, a welcome haven against the blowing snow. City Manager Michael McLaughlin and Assistant City Manager David Moran, Delegate Justin Ross, County Councilmember Douglas Peters and several postal officials, including District Manager Timothy Haney of the Capital Performance Cluster in Brentwood, huddled under the canvas covering.

They were soon joined by the mayor and Greenbelt City Councilmembers Edward Putens, Rodney Roberts and Konrad Herling. Only Councilmember Leta Mach was missing, having been stranded in St. Louis by the storm.

Hoyer

Also missing for a time was the featured speaker himself, Congressman Hoyer. Then sud-

denly a car pulled up and out he leaped, formally dressed in suit and tie but without what seemed that afternoon's uniform for everyone else, a dark and securely buttoned overcoat.

"Who scheduled this?" he laughed, as he ran to the shelter.

Confessing he had inadvertently left his coat at home as he dashed out to an early meeting, he promised a very short speech indeed in honor of the occasion. The mayor's speech was short as well – commendations and thanks to the many persons, including the Congressman, whose work had led up to this moment.

Then Davis, the three members of council and Hoyer moved outside the shelter to where beribboned shovels waited for their ceremonial use in lifting

the heavy clay.

Before departing, Hoyer, well aware of Greenbelters' concerns that some form of postal facility still remain in the Roosevelt Center, promised that "a presence" will be maintained there. According to Davis, this seems likely, since two Roosevelt Center merchants have so far expressed an interest in hosting such a facility.

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Greenbelt Author Releases Poetry Book, "Unshackled"

by Jim Lara

When Peggi Jenyl Trusty was in the 5th grade she submitted an entry in a poetry contest at her school. That winning entry, titled "Dreams," was the beginning of her love of writing. Over the years her hard work of writing various poems culminated in a collection book called "Unshackled" which was released in early February.

Trusty, 29, dedicated the book to her three children, ages 3, 6 and 7. The poems were written over the last 15 years. The work reflects several subjects such as her experiences with family and friends, living as an African-American and the September terrorist attacks of 2001.

"Sometimes it's hard for people to articulate what they feel and once they read my book, they can say 'Oh, that's how I felt about a person or situation,'" said Trusty.

She said that each poem would vary in the amount of time it would take to write from three minutes to six months. A favorite of hers is "Wordplay," which took a minute to write and is a fun and sensual poem. The following is a verse from that work: "I should refrain from saying so. My lips don't usually form words like this. But since I'm here, let me kiss you with words that are as succulent as ripe fruit dripping ever so slowly into your hands."

According to Trusty, poetry is a hard topic to sell and it was hard trying to get her work published. She ultimately went to a self-publishing company where,

unlike other publishing houses which would help sell the book, she had the sole responsibility to promote it herself. Trusty will go on tour in March to host readings of her book in Dallas, Texas, and Huntsville, Ala.

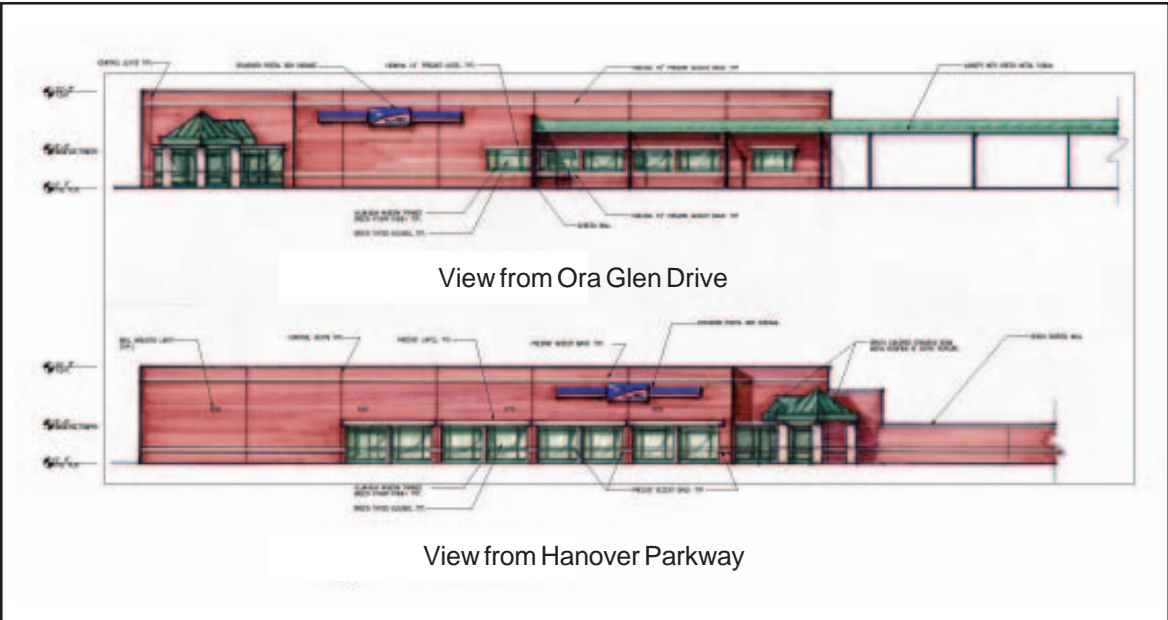
She's also currently working on her first novel, titled "Crucified," which is a fictional story of a person's conversion during the time of Christ.

When asked what people want in reading any book, Trusty said it's all about finding something they can relate to.

"It's creating characters that readers can identify with. It's important that they can get an intellectual and emotional response from the work," she said. Trusty is an avid reader of the Bible since it's given her the most inspiration in her writing and reflects the things she believes in. In terms of advice she can give for up-and-coming authors, Trusty believes that you have to keep writing and writing.

"You can't wait for someone to give you an opportunity, so you have to blaze your own trail and market yourself," she says.

Trusty was born and grew up in Huntsville. She was a journalism major at Oakwood College in Huntsville and got her masters degree in organizational communication at Bowie State University. Her book is available for purchase at www.booksurge.com. More details are available on her website at www.peggijenyltrusty.com.



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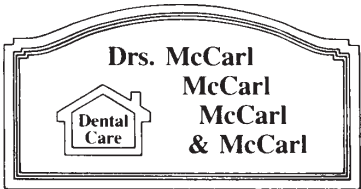


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City Asks for More Time on ICC

Mayor Judith Davis has sent a joint letter to Nelson Castellanos, administrator for the Federal Highway Administration – Baltimore Division and Neil Pedersen, administrator for the Maryland State Highway Administration to extend the time for public comment on the Inter-county Connector (ICC) Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) to June 3 and to schedule a public hearing in Laurel. Davis also requested extending public comment for all resource and local agencies to 60 days beyond the close for public comment and to provide free copies of volumes 1 and 2 of the DEIS to each incorporated, nonprofit community organization that requests one and a hard copy of the full DEIS to the Coalition for Smarter Growth.

In her February 24 joint letter, Davis expressed concern that there has been so little time to review and comment about the DEIS and that part of this time occurred over the December holidays. She notes that the DEIS comprises 8,500 pages and covers complex, highly technical issues. She also notes that the planning staff for the ICC had posted a corrupt version of the Socioeconomic and Land Use Technical Report on the official ICC web site for nearly two months.

This time the State Highway Administration is charging nearly \$400 for a single copy of just two of the DEIS 10 volumes, Davis contends. When the 1997 DEIS was produced, it was distributed free of charge to each community organization that requested one. The price charged this time represents a cost of more than 25 cents a page.

City Notes

Planning staff attended the city council executive session and participated in multiple phone conferences regarding the Greenbelt Station agreement. Staff also attended meetings on Northway Fields master plan RFP, capital projects budget and parking enforcement. There was also a Prince George’s County Planning Board meeting on Friends Community School and a meeting of the Greenbelt Homes, Inc., board regarding revised historic district guidelines.

Code Enforcement

Thirty municipal infractions were issued for stores at Greenway Center for failure to comply with inspection/violation notices. Animal Control staff responded to two cruelty complaints.

Staff attended an Asian Tiger Mosquito workshop sponsored by the Maryland Department of Agriculture in College Park.

Staff responded to a report of a resident falling while entering Pleasant Touch at Roosevelt Center. Two city employees nearby provided assistance and the resident was transported to the hospital.

Public Works

Crews were called in early on Thursday morning and once again worked throughout the day and night and again on Friday, salting and plowing. The sidewalk crew worked on Thursday and Friday to clear walkways. Work continued on Friday to push the snow back on the streets, keep access to city buildings and facilities open and clear what snow melted and refroze overnight.

Beltway Plaza Card Show Brings Negro Leaguers

by Matt Johnson

The Beltway Plaza Mall’s trading card show, which took place all day from February 25 through 27 at Center Court, was no ordinary event for traders to swap sports cards and merchandise – it boasted two former Negro Leaguers and the widow of a third.

Hubert “Bert” Simmons was there representing the Baltimore Elite Giants of the 1950s, the Farley Stars of the late 1940s and many other baseball teams no longer in existence. The right-handed pitcher/outfielder was inducted into the North Carolina A&T State University Sports Hall of Fame in 1978. For him, playing in the Negro Leagues was “doing something [he] wanted to do”– he loves the game of baseball.

The 80-year-old Simmons said he was at the mall on the cool but sunny afternoon of February 26 to “educate the public [as to] what the Negro Leagues is all about.” Negro League baseball was all about the love of the game, an apothegm thrown around in today’s high-paid and high-class sports nation. Journeymen like Simmons played through the turmoil of segregation and had little money or fame to show for it.

“What happened to me in baseball happened to me in life,” said Simmons, who was forced to ride in the back of the bus on the way to active duty in the U.S. Army during World War II. He said he was relegated to the back on the way home as well – despite serving two years of his young life fighting in a foreign country. He compared his segregated unit to segregated baseball in the 1940s and ’50s.

Geraldine Day, the widow of former Negro Leaguer Leon Day, had a memorabilia table of her own adjacent to that of Simmons; both flashed historic

merchandise from the little-known, little-talked-about days of Negro League baseball. Leon Day was a hard-throwing pitcher who also played the infield and the outfield. In his 22 years of baseball, perhaps his greatest achievement was beating the legendary Satchel Paige in the Negro World Series, striking out 12 batters in a 4 to 1 victory. Leon often struggled to make a regular salary despite his efforts.

“He played for nothing because he loved the game,” said Day of her husband. Leon Day was inducted to the Puerto Rico Hall of Fame in 1993 and the National Baseball Hall of Fame in ’95. Geraldine Day accepted the induction plaque to the National Baseball Hall of Fame on behalf of her husband, who died six days after his nomination.

Day showed a tape detailing the successes of her late husband and players like him to attract shoppers to her table. Simmons signed baseball cards, hats and other sundries.

Baseball enthusiasts took advantage of this opportunity. Lauren Boyd, a Greenbelter who has followed the New York Yankees for over 40 years, was present. African American shoppers were especially drawn toward Day, Simmons and Jim Bland, another former Negro Leaguer, while others flocked to neighboring tables to buy, sell and trade some more. One table had on display, among many other football cards, a \$60 rookie card of former Oakland Raiders quarterback Ken Stabler.

Ray Banks, a Baltimore resident, stood among the baseball fans, sporting a throwback Negro League jersey. “My passion is to keep the legacy alive for the Negro League players,” he said. “When I retire this is what I’m going to do.”



Former player and Hall of Famer Hubert “Bert” Simmons, 80, was at Beltway Plaza last weekend to educate the public about Negro League baseball. He talked about the love of the game and the effects of segregation in the sport and in his everyday life. In the background (sitting) was Geraldine Day, widow of former Negro Leaguer and Hall of Famer Leon Day, who also staffed a table filled with memorabilia.

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Guiding Eye Lab Puppy Is Raised Here by Nolls

Alice and Ellen Noll of Lastner Lane are volunteer puppy raisers for Guiding Eyes for the Blind (GEB). They have just seen their GEB puppy graduate as a full-fledged guide dog. Tommy, a black male Labrador Retriever, had been with Alice and Ellen since he was just eight weeks old. Now fully trained to be part of a Guiding Eyes team, Tommy is fulfilling his potential as a working guide dog with Guadalupe Montiel in New Rochelle, New York.

Living in the Noll’s Greenbelt home, Tommy was provided with many different opportunities for socialization, including visits to shopping malls, train stations and restaurants. It takes a great deal of commitment to raise a Guiding Eyes puppy but, as Ellen said “I knew from the beginning that Tommy was one very special puppy and I’m very proud of him and all he has accomplished.”

The GEB program has about 500 puppy raisers from Maine to North Carolina. These caring, dedicated people are the “heart and soul” of the Guiding Eyes program. Puppy raisers nurture the young pups and familiarize them with everyday situations. They establish the loving human bond that is the foundation for the puppies’ future role in a guide dog team. Puppy raisers are provided the necessary training and support from a volunteer area coordinator. After a year and a half puppy raisers return the dogs to Guiding Eyes for evaluation. Dogs that pass their tests



Greenbelters Alice and Ellen Noll pose with the now-grown black Labrador Retriever Tommy they raised from a puppy to become a guiding eye dog and the blind recipient he will serve, Guadalupe Montiel of New Rochelle, N.Y.

begin formal training with GEB guide dog instructors. After four to six months of rigorous training the dogs have learned to assist their future blind partner in traveling safely and with more confidence.

It costs approximately \$40,000 to match a Guiding Eyes dog with a blind partner but there is no cost to the graduate. Funded entirely by contributions from individuals, corporations, foundations and organizations, Guiding Eyes covers all costs. For more information on raising a Guiding Eyes puppy call Guiding Eyes for the Blind at 1-866-GEB-LABS (1-866-432-5227) or visit the GEB website at www.guidingeyesbcweb.org.

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